

REMARKS

Claims 70-85 and 87-106 are pending in this application. In the Final Office Action dated April 8, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 85 and 88 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wollrath et al. ("Simple Activation for Distributed Objects," Proceedings of the USENIX Conference, June 26-29, 1995, pp. 1-11) in view of Hare et al. (EP 0733970 A1); allowed claims 70-84 and 91-106; and indicated claims 86, 87, 89, and 90 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on June 2, 2004. This RCE was accompanied by an Amendment in which Applicants canceled claim 86, amended claim 85 to add the subject matter of claim 86, and amended claim 87 to depend from independent claim 85.

By this amendment, Applicants amend the specification to include the reference number "308," in conformance with the original drawings, and further amend claims 85 and 88.

In view of the Examiner's indication that claim 86 is distinguishable over the cited art, and in light of the above-noted amendments, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 85 and 88 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is not supported by the references relied upon in the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 85 and 88, and timely allowance of claims 70-85 and 87-106.

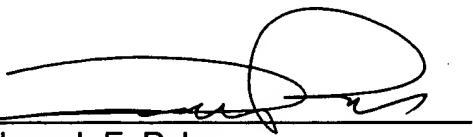
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